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For: TUBULAR SAUSAGE CASING WITH A YARN TIE HAVING A METAL INSERT AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF	:	Examiner: Michael C. Miggins

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2008 (Paper No. 20081208, hereinafter referred to as "the final Office Action"), in the above-referenced application. This response is being timely filed on or before the expiration of the shortened statutory period for response, which is set to expire on March 12, 2009.

Amendments to and listing of the claims begin on page 2 of this response.
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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims by the Examiner in view of the following.